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WOODHALL SPA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The Highways, Sewerage and Public Health Committee deal with the majority of Public Health Matters although a separate Parks and Playing Fields Committee deal with swimming baths.

Public Health Committee

A.H.H. Brown  
J.W. Fletcher  
L.D. Fowler  
E.W. Harber  
D.W. Harrison  
A. Leggate  
F.W. Mills  
J. Smithson

Housing Committee

C.H. Brown  
Mrs. M.F. Farmery  
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R.G. Webb  
W. Gill



To The Chairman and Members of  
The Urban District Council of Woodhall Spa.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Farmery and Gentlemen,

As I have explained, this interim report was called for in Circular 4/74, received only in late February 1974 and with the imminent dissolution of the Urban District Council, only the sketchiest report is possible.

Births occur almost exclusively outside the Spa and are not notified to me until April/May of the following year. Deaths of residents in the Spa which occur in hospitals outside the Spa take up to three months to be transferred and the deaths recorded are relevant only to the period January - October, 1973 inclusive.

No report of work done by the Public Health Inspectorate is included, since Mr. Norman's prolonged illness has meant that only the most vital matters have been covered on a day to day basis by Mr. H. Smith from Horncastle.

I do not believe that any untoward public health incidents occurred during the year.

I am,  
Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.



## STATISTICS

|   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Area of Urban District :  | 1874 acres                     |
| Registrar General's Mid-Year Estimate<br>of Resident Population | 2390                           |
| Density of Population :   | 1.22 persons<br>per acre.      |
| Number of Inhabited Dwellings :                                 | 817 - old information<br>only. |

## VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>BIRTHS</u>                              | Male | Female |
|--|------|--------|
| <u>Live Births</u>                         | N/A  | N/A    |
| Rate per 1000 population                   | N/A  |        |
| Illegitimate live births % total           | N/A  |        |
| <u>Still Births</u>                        | 1    | -      |
| Rate per 1000 total live and still births  | N/A  |        |
| <u>Infant Deaths</u> (deaths under 1 year) | 1    |        |
| Comparability Factors                      |      |        |
| Births      1. 31    )                     |      |        |
| Deaths      0. 38    ) last years          |      |        |





Neo-natal Mortality Rate

1973

(deaths under four weeks per 1000  
total live births)

1

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

(deaths under one week per 1000  
total live births)

1

Perinatal Mortality Rate

(stillbirths and deaths under  
one week combined per 1000  
total live and still births)

2

DEATHS

Male

26

Female

24

50

Causes of Death at ages under 65 years

Other Cancers 1

Ischaemic Heart Disease 1

Barbiturate Poisoning 1

Cerebral Haemorrhage 1

Ventricular Septal defect 1

Acute Pancreatitis 1

Gastric Ulcer 1



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## The National Health Service

No changes have occurred in the National Health Service during the year.

## Notifications of Infectious Disease 1973

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Measles    | Nil |
| Scarletina | 2   |

## Maternal Mortality

Nil

## Water Supply

The difficulties in providing a colourless water have not yet been entirely overcome. Mains have been cleansed by means of plastic scrubbers forced through by water pressure. This has inevitably produced a temporary stirring up of deposit: not completely removed but should produce a substantial long-term benefit.

## Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Work has gone ahead on the joint sewerage scheme with Horncastle Rural District Council but it will not be operational for some time.

## Refuse Collection and Disposal

Teething troubles were experienced in using the new large vehicle but these seem to have been surmounted and complaints of delayed collection of refuse do not seem to have been received of late.





